

SPECIAL ORDERS

TECHNOLOGY AND WEAPONS
TRANSFERS TO CHINA AND THE
SITUATION IN PANAMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to speak on an issue which I have, indeed, spoken about before, but I have some startling new information for the American people.

It is no surprise to anyone that I am deeply concerned about America's relationship with Communist China. In this body, we have votes on the trading status with Communist China, and this administration is operating under policy guidelines that deal with Communist China in a certain way.

In fact, the United States Congress, the House of Representatives, and the Senate have voted for normal trade relations, or what used to be called most-favored-nation status for China, and a majority of Members of this body on my side of the aisle have voted to treat Communist China in terms of our trade relations as we do normal trade relations with other societies; that, of course, with a large number of people on the other side supporting most-favored-nation status, normal trade relations as well.

The Clinton administration has gone beyond this. Perhaps those of us in this House believe that trading relations with another country, even a dictatorship like that on the mainland of China, will in some way help that society evolve into a more peaceful, more benevolent, more democratic situation.

I consider that to be wishful thinking. I disagree with that concept. I personally believe in free trade between free people, and it is better to give dictatorships and people who live under dictatorships the incentive to reform and the incentive to move towards democracy, rather than giving them the fruits of a positive trade relationship with this, the strongest economy in the world.

I would treat Communist China differently than I would treat the government of Belgium or Italy or other democratic societies in trying to determine what our trade policy should be.

Again, this is based on wishful thinking. However, it is beyond my realm and my ability to understand how this administration has been able to move forward with its policies toward Communist China over these last 6 years.

The President of the United States has insisted time and again that Communist China be considered a strategic partner of the United States. Those are the words that this administration has insisted upon, Communist China a strategic partner of the United States.

A few moments ago we pledged our allegiance to the flag of the United

States of America. Our flag, as I noted before we said the pledge, stands for freedom and justice. How can a country which is based not on some ethnic background, as our country has no ethnicity that we are supposedly protecting, as in other countries, their national identity stems from that, from an ethnic or racial homogeneity among the people, but we have no religious belief that binds all of our people together. In fact, we have every race and every ethnic group from every part of the world, people who have come here to America; and we have every religion in America.

What binds Americans together is our love of liberty and our love of justice and our love of freedom. That is the foundation, that is the basis of our country. How can we, if we believe that to be true, consider the world's worst human rights abuser as our strategic partner?

Yes, having a trading relationship with a dictatorship such as China is wishful thinking. It is also exploitation on the part of various business interests in the United States, business interests that, I might add, could care less about the working people in our country, often closing up factories here in order to set up factories in China, in order to sell the products that were made in China back here in the United States because we have such a low tariff on Chinese goods, although the Chinese tariff on our goods is very high.

But if we stand for freedom and justice, how can we have not just a trading relationship but a strategic partnership with Communist China?

It is my contention, Mr. Speaker, that this nonsense, this almost surrealistic policy on the part of the Clinton administration, has already yielded a horrible bounty of threats and jeopardy to the United States of America.

Let me make this very clear. The Clinton policy of treating Communist China as a friend, as a benevolent country, as a strategic partner, has resulted in putting the United States in grave danger.

There are two things that I will talk about today. First, I have spoken about this before, and it is well known in the public, although it is being denied through the liberal media over and over and over again now, and that is, the weapons and technology of mass destruction that Communist China has managed to obtain because of our lax policies towards the Communist China regime; and number two, I would like to speak today about dramatic information that I have uncovered in Panama.

During a recent trip to Panama, I spent time investigating the situation, spoke to people who were in hiding, who were afraid for their lives, spoke to others who were firsthand observers of corruption and firsthand observers of a strategic maneuver on the part of the Chinese that is moving forward and putting the United States in great danger.

So I will be speaking first about the technology and missiles that have found their way and been upgraded, the Chinese missiles that have been upgraded with American technology; and then I would like to talk a little bit about what I discovered in Panama.

It is most disturbing to me, Mr. Chairman, that after 2 years we still have press reports from the likes of Bob Scheerer of the Los Angeles Times. And why the Los Angeles Times feels that it has to always tout the far left line, I do not know. I do not understand that. I do not understand how a major newspaper in the United States can continually take the side of those left-wing regimes, and downplay any threat to the United States that these left-wing regimes around the world pose to the United States of America.

But now, Mr. Scheerer in the L.A. Times and others in the media and this administration, through an orchestrated maneuvering, is trying to suggest that there was no validity to the Cox report and that the Chinese really have not, through underhanded means, obtained information that permits them to develop weapons of mass destruction that threaten millions of Americans.

This I assert today is a truism. Over the last 7 years, the Communist Chinese have been able to obtain and start putting into their weapons systems technology that cost the American people, the American taxpayer, billions of dollars to develop.

The Communist Chinese have been able to use American technology to leapfrog ahead by decades, farther ahead than what they would be if it was not for the fact that they had American technology at their disposal, which permits them to build weapons of mass destruction that threaten every American city, that threaten tens of millions of Americans with nuclear incineration. They have atomic weapons that are based on American technology, and they obtained them from the United States in some way.

Mr. Speaker, I would say today that the American people need to pay attention. I would alert the American people that something is wrong with the taxpayer dollars that they have spent by the billions which are now being put in the hands of people like those who are in charge of the regime in Beijing, the Communist Chinese regime.

There is something wrong when those billions of dollars that we spent during the Cold War now find their way, the technology that was developed finds its way to a power like Communist China. And no amount of words, it is hard to even describe the process of the mangling of the language and word games that is being played by this administration in order to call China our strategic partner; to call Communist China, the world's worst human rights abuser, our strategic partner.

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This has resulted in several things. Number one, this body had to act on its

own to force the Clinton administration to discontinue military exchange programs with the Communist Chinese regime.

Let us make this very clear. Communist China is the world's worst human rights abuser. It is a Communist dictatorship. Their leadership still claims to their own Communist congresses in Beijing that the United States is the enemy and that they will destroy us. But yet we have had a policy in the last 5 years of military exchanges in which we are teaching them our military secrets and we permit their top military brass to observe our troops and how they act and the game plans that we use during our warfare, our potential warfare with any adversary.

At the same time, we have been taking these military exchange programs, and what have we been doing? We have been teaching the Communist Chinese how to run a logistics system, how to supply troops in the field, how to transport troops. This we are doing with the military of the world's worst human rights abuser, a country that threatens our own national security.

What sense does that make? The people of Tibet are still suffering under a genocidal policy by the Communist regime in Beijing. There are Muslims in the far reaches of western China who are also suffering a genocidal attack. Believers in God, Christians, who refuse to register with the government are being brutally suppressed, thrown into concentration camps, they call it the laogai system of prisons. Now we hear that a Buddhist sect made up of middle-aged and senior citizens of China who practice nothing more than kind of a breathing exercise, an exercise program in the morning that helps the soul as well as the body, even this little Buddhist religious sect is now coming under severe repression.

This is not a normal regime. This is not like Belgium or the Netherlands or even Mexico, which is struggling to try to have free elections. There are no free elections, there are no parties, there is no freedom in China. But yet we are training the military in China on how to be more effective.

And what will that military do? It will either be used to repress their own people and participate in destroying the culture and the people of Tibet or these other repressed minorities in China, or it will be used in aggression against their neighbors. Already Burma has become nothing more than a fiefdom for China. We see in the Spratly Islands the Communist Chinese trying to bully their neighbors and grab these islands so that they can control the Malacca Straits where so much of the world's commerce goes through that one little strait there in South Asia. They may use that military training that we are providing them in that type of activity. Or they may use the military training that we are providing them to kill Americans.

This is insanity. It is an insane policy to call this type of regime our strategic partner.

And it is threatening the lives and the well-being of millions of Americans. Every time we turn around, we are finding out that our country is more in jeopardy because of conscious decisions on the part of the Clinton administration to treat Communist China as a benevolent power.

This is not only insanity, this is a crime against the American people, especially against the youth of our country. The American people who are trying to raise their family sacrificed, America sacrificed during the Cold War. America sacrificed in order to make a more peaceful world and to protect the cause of human freedom. And yet now with the Cold War over, we are finding that our young people, our children, are going to be in as great a danger 10 years from now as they were at the height of the Cold War. Why is that? Because we have a policy that makes no sense, that is contrary to our interests in dealing with a regime on the mainland of China that hates everything that the United States stands for.

Let me make this clear about the regime that controls the mainland of China. These are gangsters, these are people who hate the United States of America because they believe that we are the only power that stands in their way of their destiny. Just as Japan during the 1920s believed that it was the destiny of Japan to control all of Asia and into the Pacific Basin, the Japanese knew that the United States was the only power that stood in their way, that we were the only ones that could stop them from their destiny, these militaristic gangsters who ran Japan at the time. That same attitude now is what we find in Beijing.

When we let their scientists go to our laboratories, when we train their military, they do not say, Oh, the United States of America must be our friends. Otherwise they would not be so open. They are not saying that. They are saying, The United States of America is weak. They are saying that the people of the United States of America are permitting weapons technology to come into our possession and we hate them. That must mean the Americans are cowards.

That is what is going on. We are laying the foundation for a bitter future for our young people, because 10 years from now when the Communist Chinese have taken the technology that they have stolen from us and obtained through our openness with them, they will be put into weapons systems that will threaten the lives of our young people when they reach adulthood.

And sometime and someday in the future we will send an aircraft carrier into the Pacific and thousands of American lives will be lost if we get into a confrontation because the Chinese will have the technology to sink our aircraft carriers and murder our military personnel. And when we look back, we will find that that technology was developed by the American taxpayers

during the Cold War and offered on a plate to the Communist Chinese.

This is a sinful policy. It is sinful because it ignores the fundamental values of our country and it is sinful because we the Government, and we are the Government, the United States of America, we the people, we are supposed to be watching out for the people's interest, especially the interest of future generations of Americans.

This acknowledgment of the type of technological disaster that we are in right now started 2 years ago. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, which is my primary responsibility here in the House of Representatives, I went to a meeting of aerospace workers to find out what projects they are working on and to get a firsthand look and feel for our aerospace industry in the United States.

During that meeting, one of the employees of the aerospace industry that I was talking to was talking about the project that he had just been involved in; he had just come back from China. He was saying, Congressman, those Chinese rockets, they do not even work. They do not have right-stage separation technology. We are trying to put our satellites up with those rockets and they will not work and they can only carry one payload. They can only carry one satellite. So I have spent the last year over there helping them try and correct these problems.

I could not believe what I was hearing. Finally when he was done, I said, Let me get this straight. Your company has used this technology that we paid for, that the taxpayers paid for, you are using that technology and your expertise and your company, every means that your company has, to improve the capability and the reliability of the rocket systems over in China?

He says, Why, yes. Their stage separation, he repeated that, they do not have the exploding bolts, the stage separation that they need and they blow up right after it takes off.

I looked at that aerospace worker and I said, You know, I think it is a good thing when Communist Chinese rockets blow up. And all of a sudden he said, Oh, you are thinking about the national security implications.

And I said, Yes. Yes, I am. I am thinking about that. It is something we should think about.

He said, Do not worry. We have a waiver from the White House.

Well, that made me feel real good about that. I spent the next 6 months, Mr. Speaker, researching this issue. I went to the major aerospace firms and talked to them. I went to the subcontractors. I went to the aerospace employees, and I researched this issue myself before I made a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

What I found was a verification that our companies, some of our major corporations, were over in China providing them with the technology they needed to make sure their rockets did not explode when the stages separated, to

make sure that the rockets in China could carry more than one payload. When we are talking about payloads, we are not just talking about a peaceful satellite here. If you can carry more than one satellite, you can carry more than one warhead. More than one warhead means if they send a missile to the United States that does not explode because the stage separation now works with American technology, that it can carry two atomic bombs, or three, or four, and wipe out tens of millions of people in the United States rather than just a million people.

This was not a secret to this administration that this was going on. In fact, when alarm bells went off, this administration put their thumb right on top of those civil servants throughout the administration who were supposed to be watching out for our security. We found that especially to be true in how this administration has been running our national laboratories.

For those who do not understand, we have laboratories where we have developed these weapons of mass destruction that can either be used to protect freedom and preserve the peace or if that technology gets into the hands of monsters like Hitler or the militaristic Japanese or the Communist Chinese regime in Beijing, those weapons would threaten humankind.

Because China has to be told that they are our strategic partner, we had a policy of letting these scientists from the People's Republic of China do their experiments in our laboratories, in our weapons laboratories. Over and over again, we have found during this investigation, we have found that those people who sounded the alarm, career civil servants, civil service people, were repressed by this administration, were told to shut up or get out.

We have had hearings on this and documented this over and over again. Now, what has this resulted in? What are we talking about here? We are talking about missile technology, and we are talking about technology that has permitted them to build weapons that can kill millions of Americans, probably the size of that little desk down there, that little table right there, put into a Chinese rocket that can kill millions of Americans, or millions of Tibetans or millions of Japanese or millions of South Koreans.

That technology has been taken, obtained from the United States, from our scientists and now is in the hands of a regime that is in the middle of committing genocide in Tibet, repressing their own people and involved in a great military expansion, a country that is being provided by our own policies with 50 to \$60 billion of hard currency surplus because we are permitting them the trade status of a benevolent, friendly country.

We will pay dearly for this nonsense. Our young people will face a threat that they should not have to face because of this indefensible, totally indefensible policy. But it is worse. Mr.

Speaker, after my investigation into the original charges about the use of technology to upgrade and to perfect Communist Chinese rockets, the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS) were made the heads of a select committee; and they conducted their own investigation with people with much more expertise than I have.

Specialists went in and confirmed this horrible, horrible transfer of technology to the Communist Chinese. And now the Clinton administration and the news media is trying to get the American people to relax, forget about it, pretend it does not exist. In fact, Robert Scheerer of the L.A. Times is trying to claim it never happened. Yes, the Communist Chinese just simply found the plans for the W-88 warhead, atomic warhead. They found those plans under their pillow one night because the tooth fairy must have left it there.

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I am sure that is what must have happened. It was either the tooth fairy or it was a policy by this administration that ended up with a transfer of that technology. The American people can decide which one of those scenarios actually happened.

By the way, this is not the first time such things have happened. There have been transfers of technology in the past. There are reports that in the 1930s, Howard Hughes designed a fighter aircraft that was a superior fighter aircraft for its day and that our Government did not follow through on his offer to produce these fighter aircraft.

The story is that the Japanese got a hold of the blueprints for that and Howard Hughes was the one who actually designed the Japanese Zero, which resulted in the death of so many Americans during World War II. I do not know if that is true. I have heard that report over and over again. It may not be true, but we do know that Hughes Electronics certainly is one of the companies that has been involved in transferring rocket technology to the Communist Chinese in order to perfect their rocket systems.

Also, some people do not know that during the post-war period after World War II, the English decided to prove to Josef Stalin that they were his friends and so the English shipped to Joe Stalin, this bloody dictator in Russia, they shipped to him a complete Rolls Royce jet engine which at that time was the utmost, that was the ultimate in all weapons technology, a jet engine for an airplane.

Know what? That did not make Josef Stalin any more benevolent. It did not make Josef Stalin more inclined to trust the West and become more democratic and open. No. Josef Stalin used that jet engine, that Rolls Royce jet engine, not to build passenger planes that could help tie Russia with the rest of the world. Josef Stalin used that Rolls Royce engine, which was copied,

every little bit of it, and mass produced in Russia. He used it in the MiG fighters that shot down American planes in Korea.

Josef Stalin launched a war in Korea and used the technology that the English had given him to produce airplanes that we could not shoot down, and thousands of American lives were lost because of it. The British just thought that they were trying to do something that would prove that they were friendly.

When will the free people of the world understand that when dealing with a gangster or a bully or a dictator, we must do so from strength or that dictator will perceive a weakness?

The Communist Chinese regime is no more benevolent, no more peaceful today. In fact, there are signs that it has become worse in these last 10 years.

With all due respect to my colleagues in this body that vote for Most Favored Nation status over and over again, I think the Communist Chinese would have to bomb the capitol of the United States before they would quit voting to provide this very lucrative trade status to the Communist Chinese regime; and the Chinese continue, as I say, their aggressive action.

About 6 months ago, I flew over the Spratly Islands. It took me 2 years to get to the Spratly Islands because our State Department did not want me to see what was going on there.

What was going on there? The Chinese communists are taking the islands. These islands are just about 100 miles off the Philippines. Yet they are 800 miles off the coast of China, and the Chinese communists are building fortifications.

When I finally got out to the Spratly Islands, I was in an old C-130, an old propeller-driven airplane that the Philippine Air Force provided me; and as soon as we got through the clouds, there were three Chinese war ships right there in the lagoon of, which is one of the Spratly Islands.

Not only were there three Chinese war ships, but the Chinese construction workers were feverishly trying to complete a fortification on those islands. We could see their welding torches. Even as our plane dipped down to take a low pass over those islands, we could see the torches at work, and they were building their fortifications.

This is very similar, very similar, to the situation in the 1920s and 1930s when the Japanese fortified the Pacific Islands, and in this case the Chinese are trying to grab these islands from the Philippines, a democratic country with very little military, trying to grab these islands in order to what? In order to bracket the water passages between the mainland of China and the Spratly Islands, which will then give them a strangle hold on 50 percent of the commerce of Asia, a strangle hold and also a grip on America's ability to defend Asia.

Something else is going on right now, and this is where I would like to lead in

to my talk on Panama. The Communist Chinese regime is also involved in a strategic maneuver. Here is our strategic partner involved in a strategic maneuver. One would think if they were our strategic partner that maneuver would be something that we would like, because they are our partners, are they not? No, they are involved in a strategic maneuver to strangle the United States of America, and it is very clear that they have targeted areas in which the United States is most vulnerable. The Panama Canal happens to be one of those areas.

Let me make clear, Panama is where the two major oceans of the world come together, the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans. It is where the two great continents of the Western Hemisphere come together, the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. This is one of the choke points of the world, this, and the Suez Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar; this and the Molucca Straits near the Spratly Islands.

What do we find? What do we find? We find that the United States of America has removed all of its military personnel from Panama.

I was down, as I say, in Panama a very short time ago, a month ago; and I was shocked to see ghost towns in what had been only a short time ago American military bases. Panama, of course, has no military of their own. They have no military, and they have always relied on the United States military to protect the canal against any type of aggression.

So when I traveled to Panama, and having been there many times in the past and seen many American military persons there to protect Panama and protect our national security interests and protect the canal, I was shocked when I saw they were gone. They are all gone. It is like this hall of Congress now. I am the only Member standing here. When one goes down to Panama where there used to be tens of thousands of American troops, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, they were always there; they are gone, and there is no Panamanian military force to take up the slack.

Now, what does that mean to us? Well, that means to us that there is a vulnerability there. There are two vulnerabilities: number one, there is a war going on next door in Colombia and already the narco terrorists, who are allied with Fidel Castro and the people who hate the United States, already those guerrillas have infiltrated into the Panamanian military. There is nothing standing between them and the Panama Canal. That alone should cause alarm bells to go off because the Panama Canal is vulnerable to sabotage. I will not go into detail, but it is incredibly vulnerable to sabotage.

What concerns me more is the overwhelming evidence of a Chinese presence and even domination of Panama in the Panama Canal, something that is in the process of happening. That, to

me, was even more frightening because I know that we can blink our eyes and this magnificent achievement of the United States, a canal between the two oceans, something that we rely on in times of international emergency so we can send our ships from one ocean to the other and take off days, actually a week, of travel around the Horn in South America, that that Panama Canal now is totally vulnerable and is slowly coming under the domination of the Communist Chinese.

Now, let me say what I mean. There is a company called Hutchison Whampoa, run by a man named Li Ka-Shing. He is part of the clique, he is part of Beijing's inner circle, he is a front man, and his company is a front for the Chinese Government. The Chinese Government, in fact, owns over 30 percent outright of his company.

This company is tied, not closely but tied totally within the small circle of elite of the Beijing regime. This company now has won the contract which provides them control of all of the port facilities on both ends of the canal.

Now, to be fair about it, there are some other new port facilities further away that are being built but on both ends of the canal, directly outside of the canal. Those port facilities are now under control of this Communist Chinese front company.

Now, how did that happen, and what does that mean? When I went to Panama, the first thing I did was try to go down to those areas that are now under lease arrangement. By the way, it is not a 10-year lease, not a 25-year lease. The lease is giving them up to 50 years of control of these strategic positions on both sides of the canal. By the way, the lease agreement also gives them concessions on certain ways of how the Panama Canal will be run, the piloting of the ships, et cetera.

They are also in negotiations and are trying to, and I am not sure if this is part of the lease or not, to get control of one of the air bases in Panama, the Howard Air Base, as well as some of the other military facilities that we left behind.

Now, how did that happen? What has gone wrong here? What is happening? How can a country that is considered to be belligerent, and many people are trying to have a realistic policy, considered to be belligerent and hostile to the United States, end up with a commanding position in the Panama Canal and a position to dominate this strategic waterway? How did that happen? Where was our intelligence? Where was the NSA? Who were they listening to? Where was the CIA?

I think the CIA and the NSA probably did their job. The trouble is that they are reporting to the Clinton administration; and everywhere in the world where we look, where America's national security has been put in jeopardy by the Communist Chinese, the fingerprints of the Clinton administration are all over the crime scene. The people who are supposed to be pro-

tecting our interests are not protecting our national security interests.

So I went down and I met with the ambassador, the ambassador to Panama from the United States. I asked the ambassador, I said, Mr. Ambassador, how did they get this contract? I said, In fact, I have even heard that there might have been some bribery involved here.

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He says, oh, we do not know if there is any corruption involved in this. I said, what do your intelligence reports say? He said, what intelligence reports? I said, what does the NSA say when they are listening in on the conversations involved with the people involved in these negotiations? Well, I do not know, I have not seen those reports, if there are any.

What does your station chief, the head of the CIA there, what does he say? I have not seen any report by him. This is the most important thing that has happened in the past 10 years in Panama, and the ambassador has not bothered to read the intelligence reports of how that contract came into being.

So I said, well, Mr. Ambassador, this is really an important thing. Do you not think you ought to check up on it? And he says, oh, I guess maybe I should. Well, come to find out that there are certain people who work for the government whose job is not to see any evil, not to go looking for those reports.

Our ambassador to Panama happens to have been who? It happens to have been the man who was the chairman of President Clinton's reelection campaign in Florida the last time around. I am not saying that he has done anything corrupt or wrong, I am just saying that he has not looked at these intelligence reports, and he is a political appointee who is highly politically involved with the President's personal political ambitions. Somebody is not watching out for the national security interests of the United States.

So I went out after meeting the ambassador. By the way, the CIA station chief was conveniently not available when I was in Panama, conveniently not available. So I went out to try to find things on my own. I am sorry to report today to my colleagues and to whoever is listening or reading the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on this speech that I was able to find out information that has indicated to me that the lease arrangement, the contract arrangement with this Communist Chinese front company was obtained through bribery of high-level Panamanian officials.

I talked to people who were directly involved with the negotiations, directly involved with the bidding process, and I was told, and these people are afraid to say so publicly, but they told me privately that there were bribes in the millions of dollars that were paid to the former president of

Panama, Balladares, for the lease agreement with the Hutchison Whampoa company, and it was again repeated to me over and over again that Hutchison Whampoa did not offer the best bid for those port facilities on either side of the Panama Canal, yet they were awarded that lease agreement, and the only explanation is that millions of dollars of bribes were provided to high-level Panamanian officials.

President Balladares, who was president at the time and recently stepped down, it is important for us to note that the Panamanian Constitution prevents a president of Panama from running for reelection. President Balladares wanted to change the Constitution so that he could run for reelection.

The Chinese certainly bankrolled that campaign, and guess who was down there running the referendum to try to change the Panamanian Constitution so this man who helped give away the Panama Canal would have the right to run again for office? Who was down there running that campaign for him? James Carville, that is who. Who is he? Every time you turn around, the President's inner circle is involved with something that is undercutting America's national security.

I am recommending to our colleagues that we pay attention to Panama. Up until now, the reason these things are happening is that we have left it to the administration, and Panama has been off of the radar screen of the United States of America.

It cannot be. If we let foreign policy be the purview only of the government and only of the executive branch, our country will suffer, as it has been put in great jeopardy by our relations with Communist China.

Just one other note. When I went to Panama, the head of the Panamanian CIA, that is their central intelligence agency, was in hiding. Her name was Samantha Smith. Samantha Smith was in hiding, and our embassy did not know where she was, they did not know what was happening, how to get hold of her. There was no report on Samantha Smith, of how we could talk to her.

The head of the Panamanian CIA was in hiding for this reason, because there had been information that she had been involved in a smuggling ring of Communist Chinese aliens, Chinese residents of the mainland of China, who had paid \$30,000 a head to President Balladares of Panama in order to go through Panama into the United States of America, hundreds of them.

This woman, the head of the CIA, was the one who signed off on this operation. But she had signed off on it because her president had ordered her to sign those documents, those requests from these Chinese coming from the mainland.

First of all, I want to know who these people were, who these Chinese were who could afford to pay \$30,000 to be smuggled into the United States

through Panama. Chinese farmers do not have that kind of money. I do not know if they are saboteurs, I do not know who they are, but I want to know who they are.

The head of the Panamanian CIA, when she realized she was going to be the fall person, she was going to be blamed when this became known, went into hiding. Guess what our? Our embassy just could not find her. They had not had contact with her. But guess what, within one day, I found her.

Within one day, I had a meeting with this head of their Panamanian intelligence. She just told me everything about how the President had forced her to sign these documents, ordered her, even above her objection; and how these Chinese would come in, these illegal Chinese would come in, land in Panama, and there would be a special escort officer that would take them on the second floor at the airport in Panama and take them around, and then take them where she did not know; and how she had protested to the President, but the president of Panama, Balladares, had ordered her to do so.

This is the man who also, fascinatingly enough, provided the contract for Hutchison Whampoa, the Chinese front company that now controls both ends of the canal.

Let me tell the Members something that I consider to be even another little bit of evidence that we should not miss. Supposedly, our government has been negotiating with the Panamanian government, the government of Balladares, for what? We have been negotiating to try to maintain some type of military presence in Panama to protect the Panama Canal.

Polls indicate now that from 70 to 80 percent of the Panamanian people love the United States and want to see a military presence of the United States in Panama. We left. They told us to leave, and we left. Now they know we have been serious all these years, that we believe they have the right and freedom to control their own country. We are not like Russia, China. If the people do not want us, we do not stay there and brutalize the people in order to maintain our military bases. We got out. That just reconfirmed for the people of Panama, hey, the Americans are good people after all. They really do believe in democracy. We want them back.

Although the polls showed 70 to 80 percent of the Panamanian people wanted us there, our State Department could not negotiate a contract and a deal that would permit us, an agreement that would permit us to have an American military presence in Panama. They could not do it.

Something is wrong. Something is wrong here. Of course, it was President Balladares who was the head of that country, and of course our own ambassador had not read any of the intelligence reports. I do not guess he has read any intelligence reports on any instructions Balladares might have had

with those negotiators, or any contact that he might have with the Communist Chinese.

All I know is, we are depending on an administration to defend our country, to make sure our children are not put in jeopardy, and that administration is treating the Communist Chinese as a strategic partner, and we are being put in danger.

We have to reverse this situation. It is up to the Congress of the United States to act, and it is up to the American people to demand action and to get involved in this process. If we want our children to be safe, we cannot do so by giving the Communist Chinese leverage on future generations of Americans. We will not be safe if the Communist Chinese have weapons based on American technology that could murder tens of millions of our people. That is not the kind of world we want to leave our children. In 10 years, that is the kind of world they are going to have, unless we act.

The first step, we have to quit treating Communist China as a friend and be realistic. I am not saying we should go to war with them. We should not. But we must be tough and we must be strong, and we must demand a trade relationship that is mutually beneficial, and certainly not one that gives them \$70 billion in hard currency and puts the American people out of work.

I am introducing legislation today, and I have approximately 25 cosponsors at this time. I am introducing legislation now. I ask people to call their Congressman to join the resolution, the Panama resolution, offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHR-ABACHER). That is me. I am asking them to call their Members of Congress and ask them to join me in a resolution that does three things in Panama.

Number one, it asks the new government that defeated the Balladares regime, President Moscoso, who is a woman, a wonderful person and a ray of hope for the United States government, that we do our best, and we call on President Moscoso to cancel this lease with this Chinese front company, cancel it, and to investigate how that lease came about. That is what we are asking the President of Panama to do in this resolution.

We are asking also that the United States move forward with an investigation, as well as with the government of Panama, into these charges of corruption on how that lease was issued in the first place. When they cancel this lease, we are asking that they institute a new system that is open and fair and transparent, as they say, so there will be honest bidding for those port facilities in the Panama Canal. Also, we should investigate how that last contract happened.

Number three, we should negotiate with this new government in Panama, President Moscoso, some type of arrangement where we can work together with Panama for the security of Panama and also the security of the Panama Canal.

These are things that we need to do. It is part of my resolution. As a sense of Congress, we are calling for those things. I would hope that all of my colleagues come back here next week and that we get a number of cosponsors on this, and that this moves through the system very rapidly.

We need to send a message to this administration, to the people of Panama, and to the Communist Chinese that Congress will not permit the security interests of the United States to be jeopardized because of some fantasy by the President that we are in a strategic partnership with the communist regime in Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to leave people with this one thought. My father was a marine pilot. He was a 20-year career man, a lieutenant colonel. When I was a young boy we lived in Japan, and my father flew intelligence missions along the Chinese coast. We lived in a small compound outside of Iwakuni, Japan, which is a Navy base there.

My father would fly, along with other pilots, right along the coast and photograph the coast of China. This is in the 1950s. He did so at great personal risk. In fact, my next-door neighbor, this is when I was 10 years old, my next-door neighbor was shot down by a Communist Chinese plane. Thank God that that person was not shot down and murdered by the Communist Chinese plane, and there was not any question, they were not using American technology to shoot down our neighbors, this American pilot.

In the future, when they shoot down American pilots, that we will haunt us, did we provide the technology necessary to kill those Americans?

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I remember that very vividly. I remember the tears and the sorrow of my next-door neighbor, my playmates, and the sense of hopelessness of the wife who was now left with the two children, on her own, to raise these kids and live her life without a loving husband. I remember that very well.

I also remember that when a few years later my father, he is passed away now, perhaps one of the great things he did for our country was that he helped develop the Navy way of dropping the atomic bomb. To make this clear, what happens is before, if you drop a bomb from a plane like this, a small plane cannot do it because it will blow up the plane. But my father developed the system that the plane goes down, a small jet aircraft can come down like this and loft the bomb ahead as the plane pulls around and heads in the opposite direction. That was a most important development, because after that was perfected, America's aircraft carriers became strategic weapons, and the formula in the Cold War changed dramatically in favor of the United States because we now could deliver nuclear weapons throughout the world. That did not just happen.

My father was taken out of a hospital bed when he described that to a general and given command of a squadron of hotshot pilots, that they were going to develop that as soon as they could, perfect that system with all speed because it meant so much to the security of our country. He put his team together. During that time period, they worked and they pushed the limits and they pushed beyond the limits in order to perfect that system so that other American pilots would be safe when they delivered their weapons.

My mother told me something recently. When my dad passed away about 11 months ago, at the funeral my mother told me how during that time period my father was operating in total secrecy, as was his whole operation, and four young pilots lost their lives in developing this system, four young pilots who were pushing the envelope beyond what they could, flew too low, flew too fast, lost their lives. One of these young pilots who died, my mother remembers going to his home and his wife was there, and it was their first wedding anniversary, and they stood there, my mother and my father, telling this young wife, the candlesticks on the table, that her husband would never come home and they were never able to tell that wife why her husband had died. The mission was top secret. They could not let her know that her husband died developing a system that was so important to the national security of our country, because it was that secret.

I do not know who that man was. I do not know the names of the people who died during the Cold War like that. But there were many of them. My next-door neighbor in Japan, these four young men, they died protecting our country from communism and especially from the Communist Chinese. We do not know their names and we owe them a great deal.

It is up to us to keep faith with those people. We cannot let our country be in jeopardy after they paid so much of a price, so dear a price for our security. And to let some fantasy like a strategic partnership with the Communist Chinese put our country in jeopardy when so many people have sacrificed for our safety is a sin against our people.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 299. An act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources; in addition to the Committee on Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 406. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent

the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; to the Committee on Resources; in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned; in addition to the Committee on Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 613. An act to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 614. An act to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 944. An act to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma; to the Committee on Resources.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 380. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On September 15, 1999:

H.R. 2488. To provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 105 and 211 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 21, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4231. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Review of Exchange Disciplinary, Access Denial or Other Adverse Actions Review of NFA Decisions Corrections—received September 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4232. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the